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Jharkhand	152.17
Karnataka	515.27
Maharashtra	559.63
Orissa	262.90
Rajasthan	741.56
Tamil Nadu	482.97
Uttar Pradesh	579.11
Punjab	197.00
Kerala	33.60
Madhya Pradesh	41.00
Assam	18.50
Goa	13.00
Chhattisgarh	18.00
West Bengal	432.66
TOTAL:	6271.31

Modernisation of Mercantile Marine Department

2549. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demands that the Mercantile Marine Department wing of the Directorate-General of Shipping be modernised and changes brought about in the way technical opinions and orders are given;

(b) whether it is **a** fact that in various matters, MMD officers indulge in delays and give decisions which harm small stake-holders;

(c) what steps Government would take to empower the Administrators to avail of outside opinion to over-rule impeding orders and delayed decision by entrenched MMD structure;

(d) the immediate steps which would be taken by Government to compulsory withdraw the services of such people who are harming interests of small companies; and

(e) the reasons for not taking action so far?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Maritime Administration headed by Directorate General of Shipping is already empowered to take such steps as deemed fit in order to cut delays at Mercantile Marine Department level and to seek outside opinion, if necessary, for taking a view on overruling impeding orders.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Construction of flyover

2550. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the construction of fly-over to connect Devanahalli proposed International Airport with Bangalore-Hyderabad National Highway by the National Highways Authority of India;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to take up the above work by the National Highways Authority of India; and

(d) what is the present status of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 39.10 Crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.